

STATEMENT
OF
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VICE CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
JULY 20, 2004 HEARING
ON
S. 2605
THE SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS ACT OF 2004

The Committee meets this morning to receive testimony on S. 2605, the Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004.

S. 2605 was introduced by Senator Craig, for himself and Senator Crapo, on June 24th of this year.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and this hearing on the bill was scheduled.

The legislation is intended to resolve the water rights claims of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho as those claims have been asserted in the general stream adjudication known as the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

The Committee looks forward to receiving the testimony on this measure today.

We know that the sponsors of this measure, as well as the Nez Perce tribe, and the other parties to the settlement, are anxious to have the bill moved forward to the full Senate at the earliest possible time.